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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed June 4, 2002, applicants submit herewith the amended paragraphs objected to by the Examiner.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 7, line 19, through page 8, line 24, with the following rewritten paragraphs:

-- Figure 1 is a top schematic view of a radial cluster tool for batch processing of semiconductor substrates;

Figure 2A is a top schematic view of one embodiment of an apparatus containing a capping module and high pressure deposition module of the present invention;